

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 8-12 were allowed and that claims 2-3 and 6 were indicated to be directed to allowable subject matter.

In reliance thereupon, claim 1 has been amended to include the recitations of allowable claim 2, claim 2 being cancelled. Claim 3 was amended to depend from claim 1.

Similarly, new claim 13 was introduced which is a combination of allowable claim 6 together with base claim 1 and intervening claim 4.

As the Official Action had indicated that these claims were directed to allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to be in independent form, allowance of claims 1 and 13 is respectfully requested. Further, the claims depending from claim 1 are believed to be allowable at least for depending from an allowable independent claim. Accordingly, allowance of these dependent claims is also solicited.

The Official Action objected to claim 8 due to informalities. Responsively, claim 8 has been amended.

Withdrawal of the claim objection is solicited.

Having amended the claims to include allowable subject matter in each independent claim and having addressed all the outstanding formal matters, applicant believes the present

application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Should there be any further matters that are discovered, it is requested that the undersigned attorney be telephonically contacted to resolve these.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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